Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota is home to 237 dairy farm families who provide a wholesome product that contributes to good nutrition of the state's families and those beyond its borders; and,

Whereas, Those dairy farmers provide $2.36 billion or $26,294 per cow of economic impact to the state of South Dakota through their production inputs, workforce, and further processing; and,

Whereas, Tax on diary production provides $28 million to the benefit of South Dakota citizens while employing 6230 employees; and,

Whereas, South Dakota dairy farmers follow strict protocols to provide responsible environmental, sustainable, and animal care practices on their farms to help make South Dakota a better place to live; and,

Whereas, Dairy farms are a significant outlet for South Dakota-raised crops, contributing to the overall agricultural and rural economy which carries through to our towns and cities; and,

Whereas, The presence of dairy farms and their families in South Dakota allows the state's citizens access to a local source of nutrient – rich dairy food like milk, cheese, and yogurt in an overall balanced diet; and aim to advocate for health products, healthy and underserved people, healthy communities, and a healthy planet – now and for future generations:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 2016 as

DAIRY MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State